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The above referenced patent application claims priority back to Application No. 07/989,611, filed on December 10, 1992. It has become apparent that due to amendments made to the claims, as submitted in the enclosed preliminary amendment, fewer than all of the currently named inventors are the actual inventors of the invention being claimed in the present application. Applicant hereby requests deletion of the following inventors from the present application, wherein the following inventor's invention is no longer being claimed in the present application:

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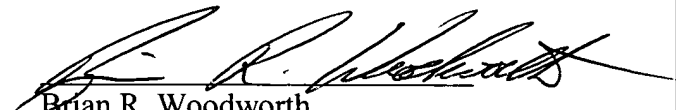
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1. DEVICE AND METHOD FOR SUTURING TISSUE
2. Executed Oath and Declaration
Revocation and New Power of Attorney